

Message Text

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 01 MEXICO 10292 230001Z
ACTION SNM-05

INFO OCT-01 ARA-14 ISO-00 DEAE-00 CIAE-00 INR-10 IO-14
JUSE-00 NSAE-00 CTME-00 TRSE-00 ICA-20 NSC-05
OES-07 OMB-01 /077 W
-----024101 230557Z /10
R 222356Z JUN 78
FM AMEMBASSY MEXICO
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 1002
INFO AMEMBASSY PANAMA

UNCLAS MEXICO 10292

PANAMA FOR REYES HERRERA -AAG

EO: 11652 N/A
TAGS: SNAR, MX
SUBJECT: NARCOTICS - GOM COMMENTS ON AUDIT REPORT

1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED FOLLOWING LETTER FROM FERNANDO
BAEZA, EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE:

(A) " BEGINNING LAST OCTOBER, MR. REYES HERRERA, AN
AUDITOR OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT, CONDUCTED FOR
SEVERAL MONTHS AN EVALUATION OF ACTIVITIES RELATED TO
THE NARCOTICS PROGRAM, SOME OF WHICH HAVE PARTIAL
FINANCIAL SUPPORT BY THE GOVERNMENT OF HIS COUNTRY.
ALTHOUGH WE HAVE NOT RECEIVED A COPY OF THE REPORT
PREPARED BY MR. HERRERA, WE KNOW ITS CONTENTS THROUGH
THE INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS THAT WE HAD WITH HIM BEFORE
HIS RETURN TO THE UNITED STATES.

(B) "WE HAVE PREPARED A REPORT, OF WHICH A COPY IS
ATTACHED, CONTAINING OUR COMMENTS ON THE OBSERVATIONS
MADE BY MR. HERRERA, HOPING THAT THIS WILL BE USEFUL
TO CLARIFY VARIOUS ASPECTS OF THE CAMPAIGN AGAINST
THE PRODUCTION OF NARCOTICS OF MUTUAL INTEREST TO OUR
UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 MEXICO 10292 230001Z

TWO COUNTRIES.

(C) " THE POINTS COVERED IN THE REPORT CONSTITUTE OUR
RESPONSE TO THE OBSERVATIONS MADE BY MR. HERRERA, BUT
IT IS IMPORTANT FOR US TO INDICATE THAT THE AUDITOR
EXPRESSED SATISFACTION AS REGARDS THE HONESTY WITH
WHICH THE FUNDS FLOWING FROM THE AGREEMENTS BETWEEN OUR

GOVERNMENTS HAVE BEEN MANAGED".

2. GOM REPORT NOTES THAT SEVERAL OF THE AUDITOR'S COMMENTS WERE VALID WHEN HE BEGAN AUDIT IN OCTOBER BUT THAT BY JUNE MOST OF THE PROBLEMS HAVE BEEN RESOLVED BY CONTROL MECHANISMS DESIGNED TO IMPROVE EFFICIENCY. REPORT THEN COMMENTS SPECIFICALLY ON: INVESTIGATION OF AVIATION ACCIDENTS; PILOT AND AIRCRAFT SECURITY; INVENTORY CONTROL; E-SYSTEMS CONTRACT; ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES; COMPUTER PROJECT; FLIGHT REPORTS; AND JUSTIFICATION FOR ADDITIONAL AIRCRAFT. REPORT IS SUPPORTED BY 144 PAGES OF ANNEXES.

3. EMBASSY POUCHING COPY OF REPORT AND ANNEXES TO PANAMA FOR HERRERA AND TO DEPARTMENT FOR S/NM.

4. COMMENT: EMBASSY IS STILL AMAZED AT DEGREE OF COOPERATION EXTENDED TO AUDITOR BY THE GOM WHICH IN OTHER AREAS MAINTAINS "CORRECT" ATTITUDE ON INTERNAL MATTERS. IN THIS CASE, AUDITOR RECEIVED COPIES OF WHATEVER DOCUMENTS HE REQUESTED EXCEPT FOR VERY SMALL NUMBER OF INTERNAL DOCUMENTS WHICH HE WAS ALLOWED TO SEE BUT NOT RETAIN COPIES. SIMILARLY, GOM PERSONNEL AT THE MANY FIELD LOCATIONS HE VISITED WERE INSTRUCTED BY MEXICO CITY TO PROVIDE WHATEVER ASSISTANCE HE REQUESTED AND TO ANSWER QUESTIONS FULLY. WE REGRET ONLY THAT

UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 03 MEXICO 10292 230001Z

POSITION VACANCIES DID NOT PERMIT AN EMBASSY OFFICER TO WORK WITH AUDITOR FULL TIME AND USE HIS PRESENCE TO FULLEST ADVANTAGE OF PROGRAM. THOMPSON

UNCLASSIFIED

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 jan 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: NARCOTICS, REPORTS, AUDITS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 22 jun 1978
Decaption Date: 01 jan 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: n/a
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment:
Disposition Date: 01 jan 1960
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1978MEXICO10292
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D780261-0882
Format: TEL
From: MEXICO
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1978/newtext/t19780631/aaaabajs.tel
Line Count: 97
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: dd94bf83-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION SNM
Original Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: n/a
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 04 apr 2005
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 2248779
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: NARCOTICS - GOM COMMENTS ON AUDIT REPORT
TAGS: SNAR, MX
To: STATE
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odhc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/dd94bf83-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Sheryl P. Walter
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
20 Mar 2014
Markings: Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014